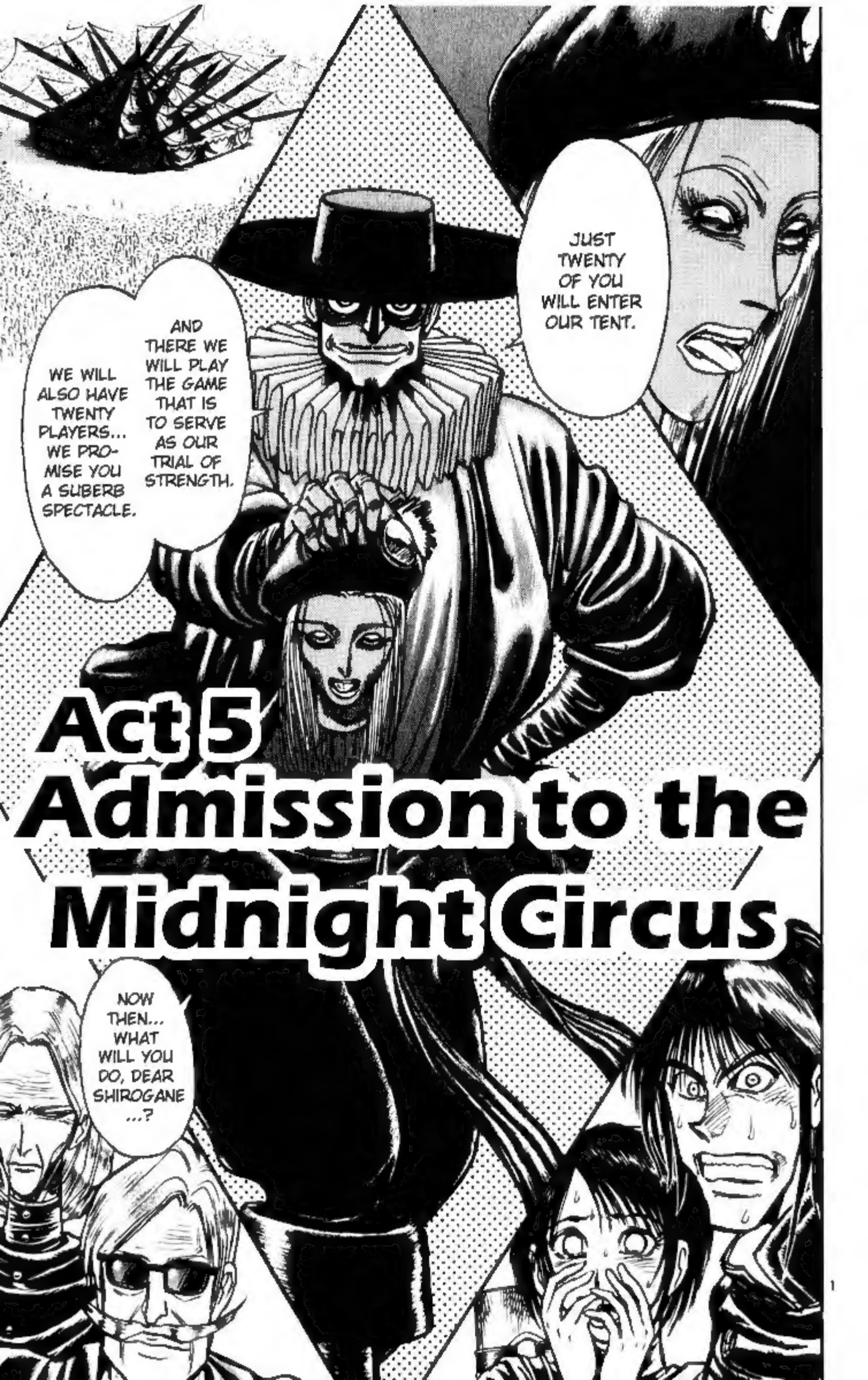




WE WILL
ALSO HAVE
TWENTY
PLAYERS...
WE PRO-
MISE YOU
A SUBERB
SPECTACLE.

AND
THERE WE
WILL PLAY
THE GAME
THAT IS
TO SERVE
AS OUR
TRIAL OF
STRENGTH.

JUST
TWENTY
OF YOU
WILL ENTER
OUR TENT.

Act 5 Admission to the Midnight Circus

NOW
THEN...
WHAT
WILL YOU
DO, DEAR
SHIROGANE
...?



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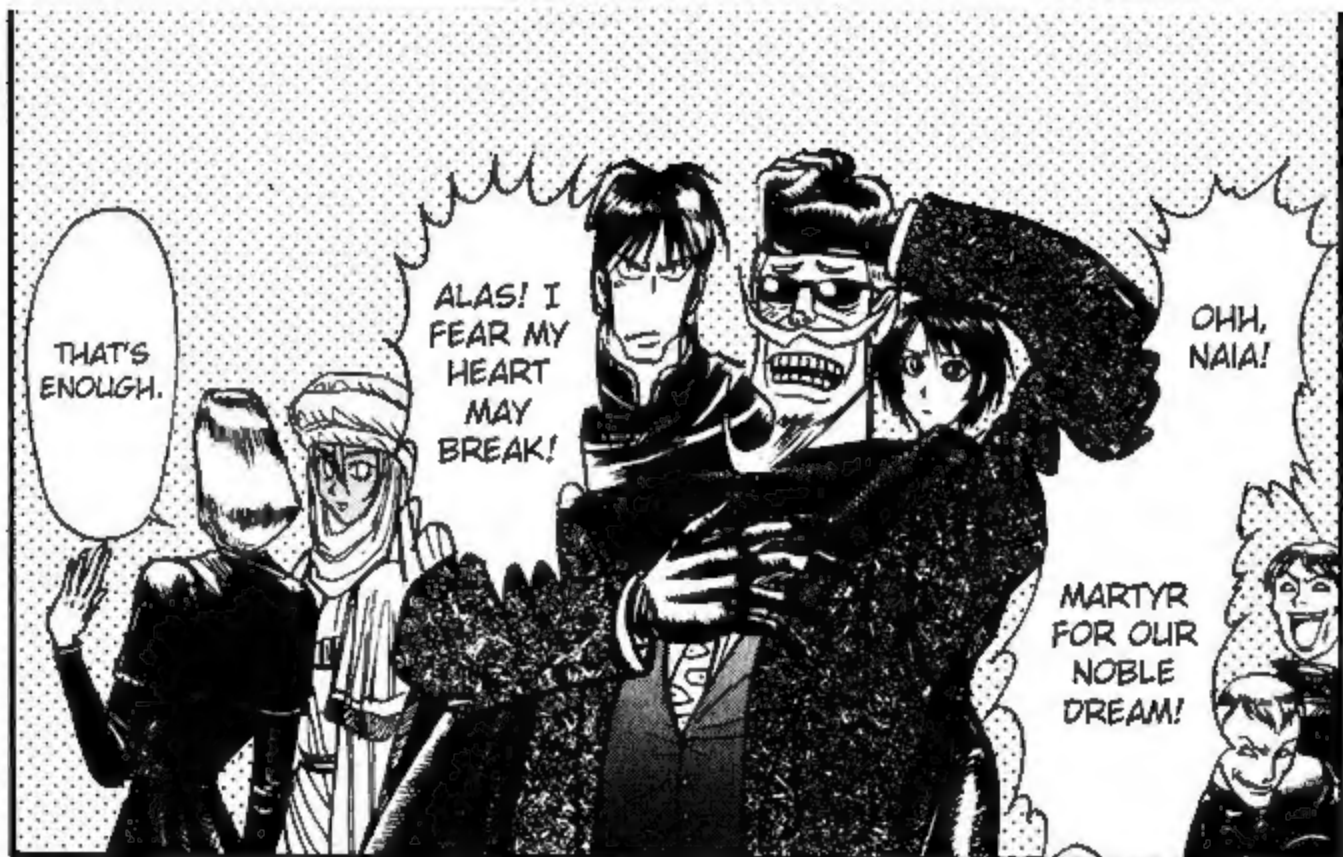






BWAHAHA!









I WILL
CHOOSE
OUR TEN,
THEN.

FOR
ONCE WE
AGREE,
MING-
XIA.

I HATE
THAT
GUY!

IT'S
ALL
RIGHT.

MA-
DAME
...



IT'S
AN
HON-
OR.

TIMBA-
VATI.



VERY
WELL.

NEXT IS
STEVE
ROCKEN-
FIELD.



THE
SECOND
PERSON
WILL BE
FATIMA.

I,
LUCILLE
VERNEUIL,
WILL BE
THE FIRST
PERSON.

YES,
MA-
DAME.



...
ROGER.

SCHW-
ARZES
TOR.



I
WILL NOT
LET YOU
DOWN.

DMITRI
IVANOV.



NOW
YOU'RE
TALKING!

EDVARD
DAHL.



THEN,
THE NINTH
PERSON
WILL BE...



THE
EIGHTH
PERSON
WILL BE
YOU,
NARLIMI.

RIGHT.



WEREN'T
YOU EVER
TAUGHT
ANY MAN-
NERS?

...
YES, I
UNDER-
STAND.



LU-
CILLE!

AND THE
TENTH
PERSON
WILL BE
MICHEL
...



GRRGH

THE
NINTH
MEMBER
WILL BE
YOU.



IN THAT
CASE...
WHAT
SHALL
WE DO,
MICHEL?



PLEASE.



.....



LUCILLE,
YOU AND I ARE
BOTH PRETTY OLD
AND WRINKLED.
IT'S ALREADY BEEN
200 YEARS SINCE
IT HAPPENED.



HOHO,
I GIVE
UP.

OHOO,
WELL
...

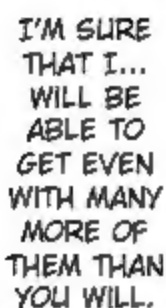


OF THOSE
ORIGINAL
SHIROGANE...
INCLUDING
LUCILLE, ONLY
SIX OF US
ARE STILL
ALIVE.



YOUNG LADY,
I LIVED IN THE
VERY FIRST
VILLAGE TO BE
DESTROYED BY
THE AUTOMATA.

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I'M SURE
THAT I...
WILL BE
ABLE TO
GET EVEN
WITH MANY
MORE OF
THEM THAN
YOU WILL.

I'M
VERY
SORRY,
BUT
...
YES.



DO YOU
WANT TO
LEAVE ME
BEHIND,
AND GO
IN MY
PLACE?

THAT'S
WHAT
I AM.



WE'RE
JUST
THE ONES
WHO HAVE
HATED THE
AUTOMATA
THE
LONGEST
...

THEY MAY
CALL US
THE TOP
LEADERS,
BUT WE
DON'T
AMOUNT
TO ALL
THAT
MUCH.



I YIELD
TO YOU,
THEN.

HOHO!
THAT'S
GREAT.



ニヤリ

MANY
MORE OF
THEM,
EH...?



WE HAVE
GROWN
TOO OLD
AND WEAK

...
WE WON'T
BE ABLE
TO CAUSE
THEM ANY
PAIN.

HUH
...?

AND
NARUMI
OVER
THERE
...



LET
ME
TELL
YOU
...

TH-
THANK
YOU SO
MU-

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DEAL
OUR
SHARE
AS
WELL.



YOU
MUST
DEAL
THOSE
DOLLS A
HEAVY
BLOW.

AND
SO
...



LEAVE
THE
REST
TO US.

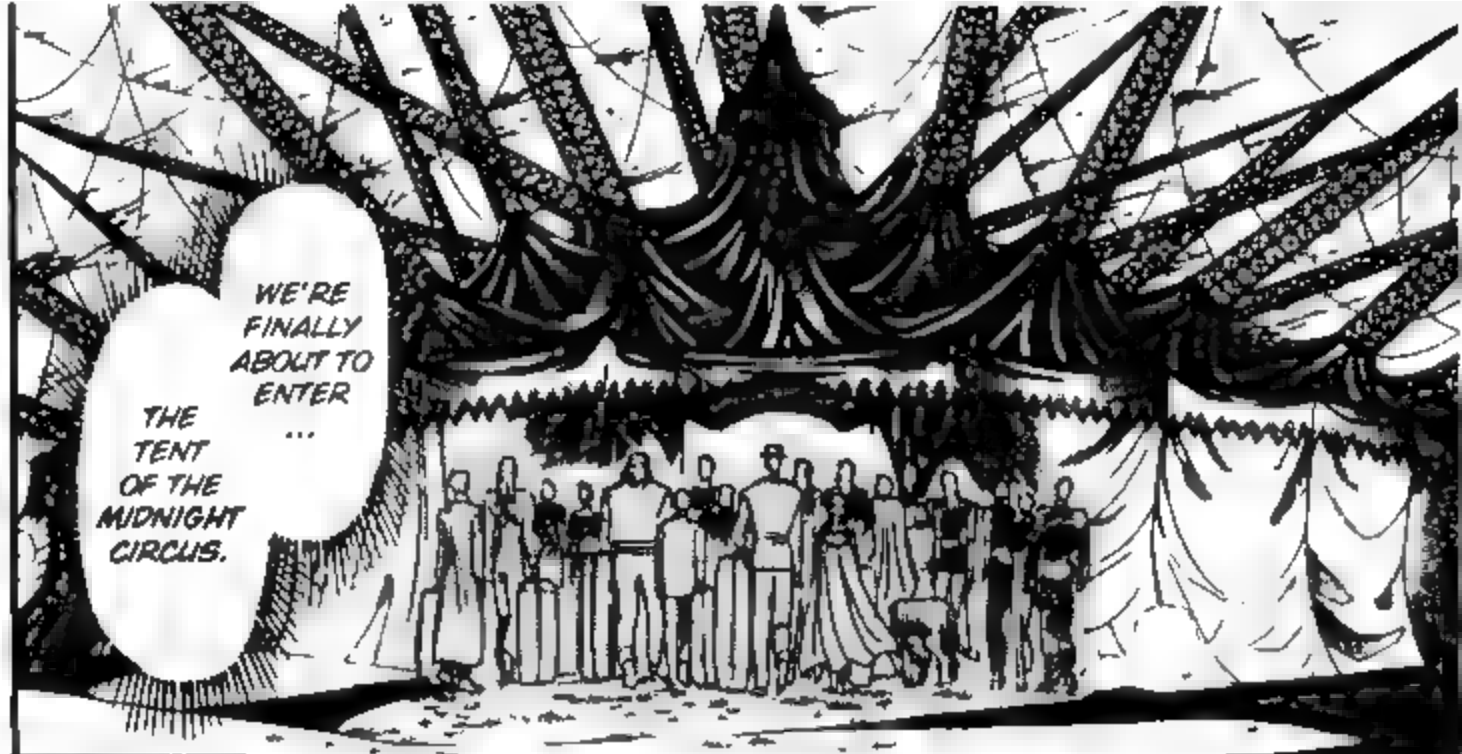
MIND
YOUR
OWN
BUSI-
NESS!



SAY,
LUCILLE!
THE
SAME
GOES
FOR
YOU.

YOU'RE
TOO OLD
FOR THIS
KIND OF
THING.
BETTER BE
CAREFUL!





THE
TENT
OF THE
MIDNIGHT
CIRCUS.

WE'RE
FINALLY
ABOUT TO
ENTER
...



WHAT
ON EARTH
CAN WE
EXPECT
TO FIND
INSIDE?

THE CIRCUS
OF TERROR
THAT'S
TRAVELED
THE WORLD
SPREADING
ZONAPHA
SYNDROME
FOR ALL
THESE
YEARS...

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ヒュウヒュウ



WIND
...?

BLOWING
UP FROM
UNDER-
NEATH
US...?



WHAT
THE...
IT'S PITCH
BLACK...
AND
TOTALLY
SILENT...

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THIS
IS
...

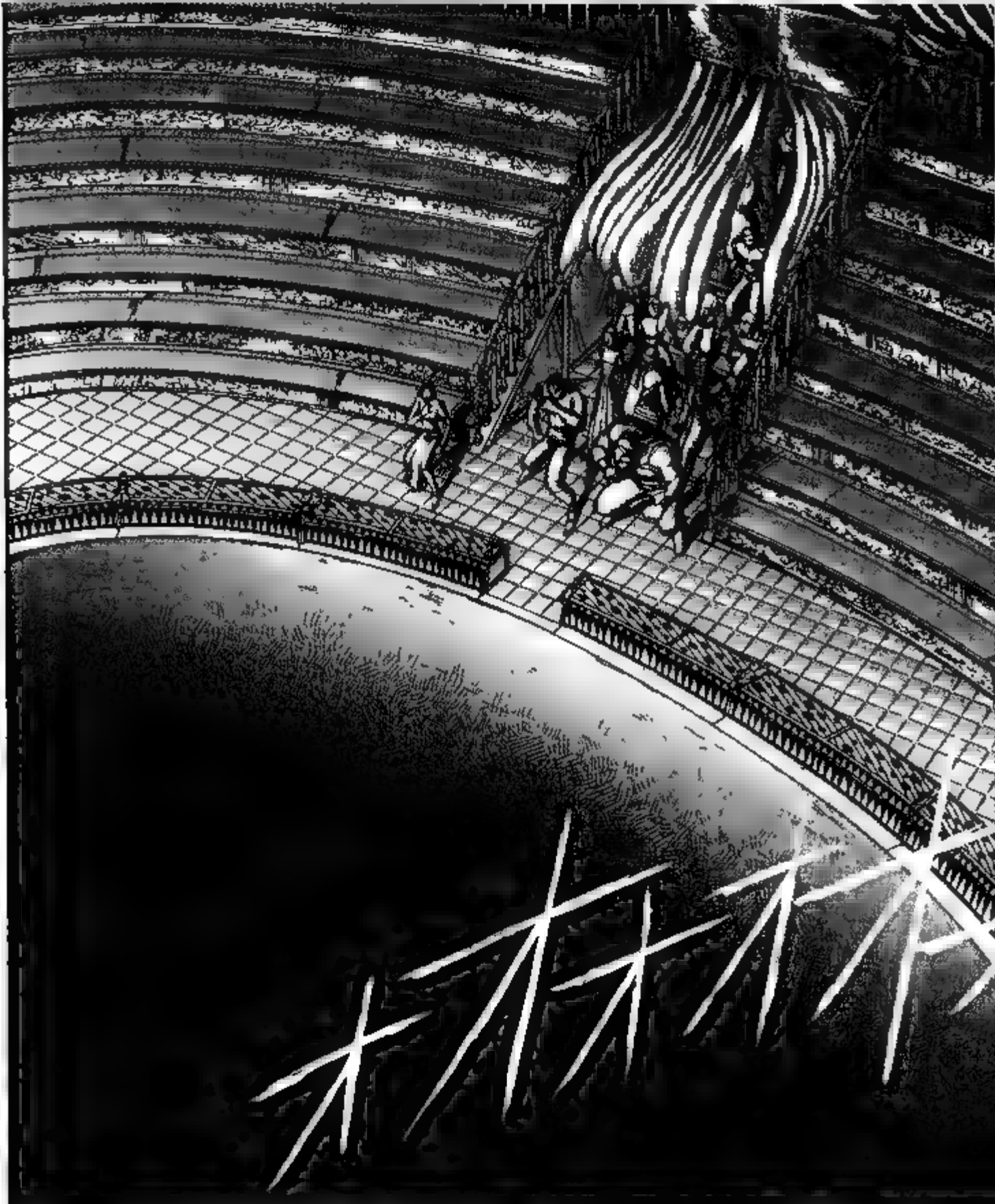
FLASH
FLASH
FLASH



AND THEN
HIDE IN THE
DARK?!
AREN'T
YOU GOING
TO SHOW
ANY GUTS
AT ALL?!

WHAT
THE HELL'S
GOING ON
HERE?!
YOU DAMNED
DOLLS TELL
US TO COME
IN...

FLASH
FLASH
FLASH



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SOME-
THING'S
COMING
UP FROM
BELOW!



MING-
HAI...!



ALL THESE
AUTOMATA...
ARE GONNA
BE OUR
AUDIENCE?

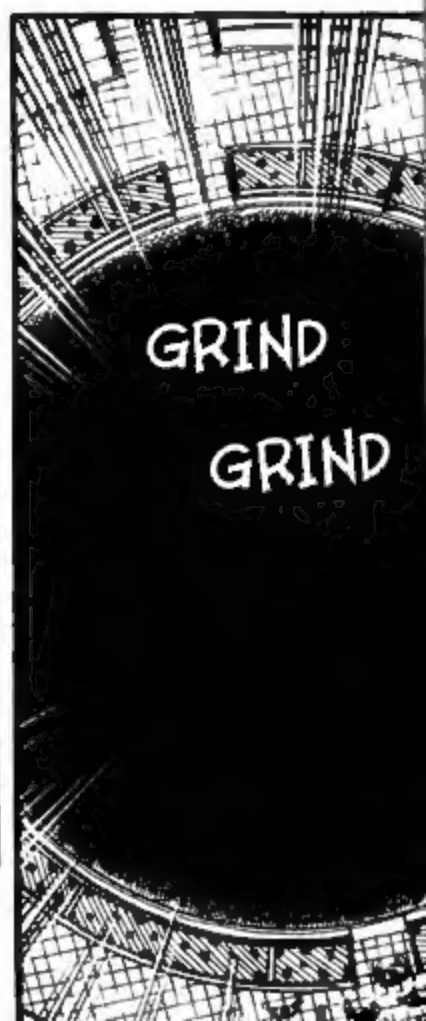


THE
CURTAIN
IS
GOING
UP ON
THE
BATTLE!



NOW THEN...
LET'S BEGIN
WITH A SHOWY
OVERTURE

...



GRIND
GRIND

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